

REMARKS

The specification sets forth an extensive description of the invention in the new and amended claims. For example, support for claims directed to methods for the treatment of a food, a feed or an agricultural product comprising the step of contacting the food, feed or agricultural product with an aqueous composition, wherein the aqueous composition comprises a polyene antifungal compound and a thickening agent, can be found, *inter alia*, on page 3, lines 1 to 17. Support for claims directed to compositions and methods using a microcrystalline cellulose can be found, *inter alia*, on page 5, lines 29 to 31. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the instant amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of this application please contact the undersigned representative.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 246152024200.

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